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SUBJECT: SURPRISE CABINET SHAKE-UP

1. PREMIER DAVID GIBBONS ANNOUNCED CABINET SHAKE-UP ON MONDAY (19TH), WHEN HE REPLACED CONTROVERSIAL HARRY VIERA WITH THE MORE MODERATE QUINTON EDNESS AS MINISTER OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS. MR. VIERA WILL BECOME A MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH THE BERMUDA REGIMENT, A LOCAL PART-TIME MILITIA UNIT. MR. EDNESS' PREVIOUS CABINET POST GOES TO MR. RALPH MARSHALL.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THIS CHANGE WAS PRECIPITATED BY MR. VIERA'S HARD-LINE STANCE ON RECENT PUBLIC DISTURBANCES. MR. EDNESS AT THE TIME CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE SITUATION. MR. GIBBONS ALSO ANNOUNCED MONDAY EVENING THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING A BROADER ROLE IN GOVERNMENT FOR SIR JOHN SHARPE, THE PREVIOUS PREMIER WHOSE DOWNFALL LAST SUMMER CAME ABOUT BY THE DEMANDS OF THE "REFORMIST" WING OF THE RULING UNITED BERMUDA PARTY (UBP), OF WHICH MR. VIERA IS A MEMBER.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT MR. GIBBONS IS HOPING THIS SHIFT WILL BROADEN THE APPEAL OF HIS PARTY TO THOSE AREAS OF BERMUDIAN PUBLIC OPINION, NOTABLY YOUNG BLACKS, MANY OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN

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